NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Indiana Statehouse | North Atrium Thursday, May 1, 2014 | 11:50 am - 1:10 pm

Welcomes, Proclamations, and Invitations to Prayer

Jim Atterholt, IURC Chairman

Carolene Mays, IURC Commissoner

Thomas C. Walker, Indiana National Day of Prayer State Coordinator

James Turpen, Former Chairman Statehouse Chapel Committee

GROUP SINGING

God Bless America

SPECIAL MUSIC

Herron High School Concert Choir, Conductor Jonathan Harris, Sr.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SET TO MUSIC)

Ken Knowles, Retired Carmel Teacher

PRAISE TO GOD

Rev. James Faris, Second Reformed Presbyterian Church

PRAYER FOR NATION AND NATIONAL LEADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Pastor Mark Melton, Christ Covenant Church of Sheridan

PRAYER FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES

Honorable Mike Delph, Indiana Senate

PRAYER FOR SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Rev. Joe Bartemus, College Park Church

Prayer for our Nation's Families: Fathers, Mothers, Elderly and Youth

Rev. Richard Johnston, Second Reformed Presbyterian Church

PRAYER FOR THE SICK, HOMELESS, UNEMPLOYED, WIDOWS, FATHERLESS, ORPHANS, PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Julie Alvis, Wheeler Mission Ministries

PRAYER FOR CAREGIVERS, DISASTER RELIEF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Major Jeffery Horn, Divisional Men's Ministry Secretary for the Salvation Army Indiana

PRAYER FOR REVIVAL IN CHURCHES, PASTORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Rev. Andy Hunt III, New Life Community Church

PRAYER FOR INDIANA AND HER PEOPLE

Rev. John Peoples, Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA)

PRAYER FOR STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Honorable Mike Pence, Governor of Indiana

PRAYER FOR THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FEDERAL LEGISLATORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Honorable Brian Bosma, Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives

PRAYER FOR STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Susan Blandford, former State Employee, 20+ year NDP Participant

PRAYER FOR INDIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Virginia Cain, Indianapolis City County Councillor

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION OF ETHNIC AND CULTURAL SEPARATION

Dr. Charles Ware, President of Crossroads Bible College

THANKS TO GOD AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Roy Blackwood, Retired Pastor, 20+ year NDP Participant

We are grateful for all those who participated in and made today's service possible!

Thank you!

THE LORD IS GOOD, A STRONGHOLD IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE; HE KNOWS THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

-NAHUM 1:7-

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history. In 1789, only a few days after the passage of the First Amendment, Congress asked President Washington to declare a national day of thanksgiving and prayer. He issued the proclamation on October 3, 1789. More than 600 such proclamations have been recorded since that time, and thirty-three of forty-four presidents have made such declarations. President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" is one example. In 1952, a joint resolution unanimously passed by Congress and signed by President Truman declared an annual national day of prayer. In 1988, Congress and President Reagan amended the resolution and set the day as the first Thursday of every May. The president signs a proclamation encouraging prayer on the day. The governors of many U.S. territories and states have signed similar proclamations.

PROCLAMATION OF 1863

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!"

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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"One Voice, United in Prayer"

That together you may with one voice glorify the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6

